

June 4, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 12, 2002 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA - Revised
June 12, 2002**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of May 8, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve May 8, 2002 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT***TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

- *7. Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Transit Projects

The FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2001. Each year, when the Transit Appropriations are released, Valley Metro reviews the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application that is under development and adjusts the projects listed in the Grant and the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. At their May meeting, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the amendment to the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *8. Consultant Selection for the 2002 MAG Travel Speed Study

The FY 2002 Unified Planning Work Program, approved in May 2001 by the Regional Council, included a travel speed study for \$300,000. The data collected from this survey will be used to calibrate the MAG travel demand model. The accuracy of speed data is important to the annual process of evaluating the conformity of transportation plans to state and federal air quality implementation plans. A Request for Proposals was advertised and seven firms submitted proposals. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Carter Burgess, Inc. be selected to conduct the Travel Speed Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *9. Consultant Selection for the MAG 2002 Traffic Volume Survey

The FY 2002 Unified Planning Work Program, approved in May 2001 by the Regional Council,

7. Recommend approving an Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

8. Recommendation for Carter Burgess, Inc. to conduct the 2002 MAG Travel Speed Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

9. Recommendation to select Traffic Research & Analysis, Inc. to conduct the 2002 Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

included a Traffic Volume Survey for \$80,000. The data collected from this survey will be used to calibrate the MAG travel demand model and provide a baseline for transportation planning and traffic engineering studies conducted in the MAG region. A Request for Proposals was advertised and two firms submitted proposals. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Traffic Research & Analysis, Inc. be selected to conduct the 2002 Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10. Amendment of MAG Transportation Model Enhancements Consultant Contract for Station Demand Forecasting

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has provided MAG with funding for staff support and transit modeling improvements. Staff is recommending that the consultant contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas be amended to continue with the refinements to the model for transit purposes. This would increase the present contract from \$412,908 to \$512,908. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Recommendation to amend the consultant contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas for transportation model enhancements from \$412, 908 to \$512,908.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*11. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for amendments and administrative adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments and administrative adjustments are necessary to incorporate revisions to existing transit projects, add new federal-aid transit projects, and to include projects recommended for the interim closeout of the FY 2002 MAG federally funded program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*12. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process that includes submittal of the HUD Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services. Last year, the region received \$9.2 million. A Continuum of Care Steering Committee was formed and chaired by former Chief Justice Frank Gordon. MAG received 31 applications from non-profit organizations in the Valley on May 8, 2002. A ranking and review process, administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way, will be completed by June 7, 2002. The Regional Council Executive Committee will be requested to comment on the application rankings on June 17, 2002 before the grant is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on June 21, 2002. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For information.

*13. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration. At their meeting on May 9, 2002, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended approval of the PSAP Funding Request, Equipment Program, and operating funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Recommend approval of the MAG FY 2004 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2004-2008 PSAP Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

*14. Desert Spaces Implementation

14. Recommendation to revise the approach for updating and implementing the Desert Spaces Plan by: (1) Updating the Desert Spaces Plan in

The Desert Spaces Plan (adopted by Regional Council 1995) is a widely accepted plan for regional open space in the MAG region. The Plan recommends conservation and management strategies for lands that were identified as critical to the quality of life in the Valley. In 1996, the Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force was formed to further implement the recommendations of the Desert Spaces Plan. One of the recommendations of this Task Force was to form a citizens committee to provide leadership to enhance the implementation of the Desert Spaces Plan. This action may no longer be appropriate as there have been many changes since the Desert Spaces plan was adopted. Staff is recommending a revised process for updating and implementing the Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

view of recent events that affect open space implementation, (2) Reviewing what member agencies have done or plan to do with respect to open space, (3) and Preparing a final report to be presented at a public Town Hall type event.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

15. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program (5 minutes)

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a number of material changes to the MAG Regional Freeway Program. The changes are listed in the attachment and include schedule, cost, and new projects. Eight schedule changes are requested to better coordinate with related projects. Seven of the changes involve material cost changes which are defined as increases of more than five percent. The cost changes reflect the latest cost information available. There are five new projects being added. One is related to the cost of a drainage siphon under a section of the Pima Freeway and two others are related to systemwide management costs. Two of the new projects are needed for required additional noise mitigation along portions of the Pima and Price Freeways. The estimated cost of the proposed FY 2003 project is \$2.78 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. According to the ADOT Noise Attenuation Policy, reasonable noise mitigation measures must be pursued if noise levels exceed

15. Recommend approval of the requested change to add the two noise mitigation projects for the Pima and Price Freeways and approval of the remainder of the changes as requested by ADOT.

65 dB levels along highways for which development occurred prior to the date of public knowledge for the new highway. Since the Pima and Price Freeways have opened, ADOT has conducted noise studies to determine the actual noise levels in neighborhoods adjacent to the freeways. Based on these noise studies, and given development had occurred prior to the date of public knowledge, ADOT has determined additional noise mitigation is needed. A review of the net impact of these changes indicates that the cash balances for the MAG Regional Freeway Program are adequate to accommodate the requested changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Federal Fiscal Year 2002 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 and Draft 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2002 and FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets (5 minutes)

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$11.3 million is available for closeout. Approximately \$16 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On April 23, 2002, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the deferral of the projects requested and on May 21, 2002, recommended three projects to utilize the majority of the funds available. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Recommend approving the interim closeout of Federal FY 2002, as recommended by the Transportation Review Committee at their April 23, 2002 and May 21, 2002, meetings as follows: (1) defer the projects listed in Table One; (2) advance the projects listed in Table Two; (3) Amend the FY 2002 and FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to include the additional funds for the Grand Avenue Major Investment Study as shown in Table Three; and (4) Authorize an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2002 and an adjustment to the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as listed in Table Four.

GENERAL ITEMS

17. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Request for Offer for a Community Emergency Notification System (5 minutes)

In October 2000, MAG was notified that funding may be available for an emergency warning system to provide emergency agencies with the ability to notify citizens within an event area of floods, fires, chemical spills, industrial mishaps, evacuations, or other emergencies. This funding was being made available from a court settlement through the Arizona Department of

17. Recommendation to receive the Community Emergency Notification System funding, if awarded from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and to amend the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to reflect acceptance of the funding and program.

Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Hazardous Waste Section. On October 19, 2000, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended accepting the funding. Since that time, ADEQ indicated that a procurement process would be used to determine which agency would implement the system. On April 12, 2002, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality released a Request for Offer (RFO) for a Community Emergency Notification System (CENS). MAG has submitted a response to the RFO. If awarded, MAG would receive approximately \$2.5 million over a two year period. One of the provisions of the RFO was to identify how the system would be continued. The RFO closed on May 24, 2002, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality anticipates awarding the RFO in six weeks. Please refer to the enclosed material.

18. Amendment to the MAG By-Laws to Include Apache Junction as a MAG Member Agency (5 minutes)

At the April 24, 2002 Regional Council meeting, Apache Junction was approved as a MAG member agency. Included in this action was direction for MAG to draft the required changes to the By-Laws to include Apache Junction as a MAG member agency. An amendment to the By-Laws has been prepared, which includes Apache Junction and computes their dues assessments on the total population of Apache Junction, which includes that portion in Pinal County. This change in methodology regarding how dues and assessments are calculated also affects other MAG member agencies that have portions in other counties, such as the Town of Queen Creek, the Gila River Indian Community, and the City of Peoria. It is anticipated that this revised methodology would be incorporated into the invoices sent out for the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

19. Election of Officers

18. Recommendation to approve the amendment to the MAG By-Laws to include Apache Junction as a MAG member agency and to revise the methodology for calculating MAG dues and assessments to include the entire population of the MAG member agencies that are beyond the Maricopa County boundary.

19. Elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Each June, the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by the Management Committee.